



Rhode Island Child Care and Early Learning Facilities Fund

RESOURCES

FUNDING: Grants, recoverable grants (zero-interest loans), flexible loans and tax credit investments are available to support facility construction, renovation and improvement.

TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE: Technical assistance is provided by staff and expert consultants to child care centers and early education providers including public schools. We also offer support to regulators, quality assessment staff and other technical assistance providers. In addition, our team is available to help guide architects and other building professionals working on child care and early learning projects in Rhode Island.

WRITTEN RESOURCE MATERIALS: The RICCELFF has published a comprehensive set of Resource Guides on all aspects of facilities development, funding and design, and continues to develop additional materials as needed. Our highly rated resource library is published and distributed nationally.

TRAINING: The RICCELFF offers periodic training seminars featuring some of the nation's foremost experts in the field of child care and early learning environments. In 2015, the RICCELFF will also launch on-line training opportunities for the field.

FUNDING

Early Learning Facility Capital Grants: Early learning facility capital grants ranging in size from \$10,000 – \$50,000 are available to assist qualified organizations with addressing urgent facility issues. Priorities for these funds include: fixing a facility issue that is compromising a program's DCYF licensing status, major health and safety concerns, and issues that are preventing a program from moving up the quality ladder.

Facility Planning Grants: Facility planning grants in the amount of \$5,000 – \$20,000 allow qualified organizations to secure professional services to plan for and assess the feasibility of both indoor and outdoor facility projects. Qualified services might include things such as architectural services, engineering studies, and environmental surveys. These planning grants can also be used to help devise a prioritized facility improvement plan.

Recoverable Grants: Recoverable grants ranging in amount from \$10,000 – \$100,000 are available to qualified child care organizations to support pre-development costs, such as an option on a site, architectural drawings, environmental and engineering review, legal and project management fees. Recoverable grants essentially function like "zero-interest loans." The amount of recoverable grant funds provided will vary based on the size and needs of the project and the overall plan for repayment of the funds.

Loans: Loans are available to qualified organizations at low-interest rates with flexible terms. Loans may range in size from \$50,000 – \$3 million and can be used for the construction and renovation of child care and early learning facilities.

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